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One of the books announced in a New York publisher's list bears the title: "What Handwriting Indicates." A good deal of it that floats into newspaper offices indicates that the writers have never learned to spell.

The proceedings of the corn shredder the past fall forecast a short crop of farmers next summer or a crop of short farmers or something of the kind. At any rate, it is pretty plain that fewer hands will be available.

The New York Central railroad has closed a contract for equipping all its suburban lines with electricity. The contract includes not only the equipment with electricity of the terminals, but of about 50 miles of railroad on each one of the New York Central branches. It looks as if steam might have to fight with electricity for supremacy.

A protest against lynchings in America is being circulated among European countries. It will undoubtedly have a great moral effect on the lynchers. Europeans seem to think that lynching is a national institution, fostered by the American government and that it is only necessary to pass laws against it to uproot the evil forever.

A dispatch from Sydney, Australia, says that Prof. Hussey, of the Lick observatory in California, who is now making observations in Australia, has discovered ten new double stars. That is equivalent to 20 single stars. But as they are all fixed in Australian skies, what good will they do this country? Prof. Hussey should direct his search after American stars.

A table of the ages of love in men and women has been compiled by Prof. Bell, a fellow in Clark university at Worcester, Mass. He has reached the conclusion that neither sex is safe from Cupid's darts after it has reached the age of three years. In 15 years he has investigated 300 cases, and his figures go to prove that the maturity of a woman's heart is reached at 22 and a man's at 24.

The defiant manner in which Tom Horn, Indian scout and fighter, met his death recently on the scaffold, shows there are other motives besides conscious rectitude that enable men to face death with composure. This desperado thought as much of earning the plaudits of his companions by not losing his nerve as a Christian martyr would of dying for a principle. Human nature is a queer compound.

The post office department of the United States now pays out annually a total in excess of \$138,000,000 and takes in receipts above \$124,000,000. Such figures are staggering almost beyond belief, but they are official. This wonderful world goes spinning down the ringed grooves of change, and with its progress the activities and the developments in this republic become steadily more extensive and more important.

The appellate court, of New York, has affirmed the decision of the lower court, by which Mr. Tittlemore, of Saratoga county, is compelled to pay Miss Pettit \$3,000 for 1,234 kisses. It is presumed that \$2.37 per kiss will be the regular legal scale hereafter. This would make a pretty big hole in most young men's salaries, but fortunately it is not always impossible to get a pass.

The increasing frequency of bank failures caused by cashiers or other officers speculating in stocks seems to call for more stringent legislation on the subject. An officer of a bank stands in the relation of a trustee to depositors, and the moment he begins to speculate with the funds of the bank he commits a breach of trust and an embezzlement. If justice were done there should be no escape from the penitentiary for that kind of speculating officers.

That fight with and capture of the young Chicago outlaws who confess to nine murders, the wounding of five men and numerous robberies exceeds in its thrilling features the loudest of the dime novel romances. The facts served up in the form of fiction would be ridiculed as utter perversions of truth; yet the bloody work has been carried on under the very eyes of the police and in defiance of the efforts to prevent it.

Benjamin Franklin left a small sum of money, the interest on which was to be used for the benefit of the apprentices of Boston. The amount has increased with the years to several hundred thousand dollars. Aldermen have been juggling with the money until it has become necessary for the Massachusetts supreme court to step in and take the matter out of the hands of the city council and turn it over to "virtuous and benevolent citizens who are willing to spend a part of their time in doing good to the rising generation."

Patti's voice may be a little "off," as has been intimated, but her business sense is all right. She was singing in Harlem, N. Y., for \$5,000. But tickets for the concert did not sell well, and as the hour of the performance approached only a little more than \$3,000 had been taken in. Thereupon Mme. Patti gave notice that the \$5,000 must be forthcoming, or she would not sing. The money was guaranteed her before she stepped on the stage. And the notes were not subjected to discount, as those of a 60-year-old opera singer are likely to be.

According to the annual report of Gov. Ferguson of Oklahoma, that territory's present population is 650,000, and the actual value of its taxable property is \$400,000,000, although only \$54,000,000 is returned by the assessors for 1903. The territory's debt is \$462,000. This is a very good showing for our southwestern neighbor. The probability is that the population figures are placed a little too high here, but even putting it at 600,000 the total is very imposing. None of the territories at the time of their admission to statehood had this number of inhabitants.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

IN EXTRA SESSION.

Congress Meets to Consider Cuban Reciprocity and Other Matters.

The senate was in session only 15 minutes on the 4th and the business transacted was purely of a routine character. In the house a bill was introduced making April 14 of each year a legal holiday, to be known as "Martyr's day," in commemoration of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

The senate on the 5th took a recess until the 7th. The house adjourned, bringing the extra session of congress, so far as that body is concerned, to an end.

FROM WASHINGTON.
H. J. Schulteis, chairman of the legislative committee of the Knights of Labor, accused Speaker Cannon of packing the house labor committee and was expelled from the speaker's room.

The secretary of the navy in his annual report discusses proposed plan for the reorganization of the department and methods to prevent desertions. Exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 14th aggregated \$2,247,801,286. The decrease compared with the corresponding week of last year was 11.1.

In the United States there were 331 business failures during the seven days ended on the 4th, against 25 the same week in 1902.

At the age of 64 years William M. Springer, who was 20 years a congressman from Illinois, died of pneumonia at his home in Washington.

Henry B. Brown, associate justice of the United States supreme court, is threatened with total blindness. The name of Bunan-Varilla has been added to the diplomatic roll in Washington as minister from Panama.

The comptroller of the currency in his annual report says the stability of the national banks has not been disturbed by the heavy slump in stocks.

The new cruiser Des Moines in its official trip over the Cape Ann course exceeded its contract requirement, making an average of 16.633 knots an hour.

From Boston the Romanic sailed with 1,583 steerage passengers for Mediterranean ports. This is a record list.

The secretary of war in his annual report gives the army's strength at 274,000 officers and 55,500 men; 39,068 of the latter are in the United States and 14,669 in the Philippines.

THE EAST.
Nearly 9,000 steerage passengers have left New York in the last week for their old homes in Europe.

An explosion of a car of naphtha in the town of Greenwood, Del., damaged 70 dwelling houses.

In New York and Revere, Mass., ten members of a dangerous gang of counterfeiters were arrested.

In Pittsburgh an employee of the United States Express company confessed that for years an organized gang had been robbing the company of packages.

A phial of actinium valued at \$100,000,000 a pound has reached Dr. George F. Kunz, the New York mineral and diamond expert.

Henry Burk, congressman from the Third Pennsylvania district, died at his home in Philadelphia after an illness of more than a year, aged 53 years.

In a railway collision near Worcester, Mass., Conductor McGrath, brakeman W. E. Crowley and Charles Kaughn were killed.

At the age of 77 years William Henry Welsh, once private secretary to President James Buchanan, died in New York.

In Camden, N. J., Dell Thompson killed Addie Hacker, his fiancée, and committed suicide at a wedding feast, the couple having agreed to die together.

In Rhode Island 200 clergymen have begun a crusade against divorce and will refuse to remarry divorced persons.

The First national bank of Allegheny, Pa., has resumed business.

WEST AND SOUTH.
In a collision between a handcar and a freight train at Sargent, O., three men were killed and four injured.

In Chicago the Citizens' Industrial association declared against what it terms the "tyranny of organized labor," and asked other bodies to affiliate with it.

Heroism of Boatwain Jeery, who swam 100 yards in raging seas off Norfolk, Va., carrying a line and hawser, saved the submarine torpedo boat Adder from destruction.

Dowie received a draft for \$50,000 and an offer of \$200,000 more, the outlook being that Zion City's financial troubles will be brought to a speedy termination.

Fire destroyed the wholesale mercantile establishment of H. D. Lee, at Salina, Kan., the loss being \$500,000.

The death of Thaddeus A. Neeley, inventor of the adjustable roller skate, occurred in Muncie, Ind.

Ice gorges closed the Ohio river and traffic is entirely suspended.

In Fox river valley, where Chicago firms moved to escape strikers, a labor war has been started.

The Minnesota supreme court has declared that the state sugar bounty is unconstitutional.

Without any apparent cause, George D. Woods, owner of private banks in Iowa at Colfax, Mitchellville, Ira, and Baxter, committed suicide in Colfax.

At Cripple Creek, Col., martial law has been declared by Gov. Peabody, who issued a proclamation declaring that Teller county is in a state of insurrection.

Near Tampa, Fla., Lewis Jackson (colored) was lynched by a mob for attempted assault on a white girl.

The big lake steamer J. Emory Owen was burned at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., with \$2,000 bushels of grain.

It was decided by creditors holding claims for \$300,000 to support John Alexander Dowie, and they appointed a committee to assure the overseer of their confidence in him and to offer him aid in ousting the receivers.

Fire destroyed the Miami military institute at Germantown, O.

In the 30-mile trestle across the Great Salt Lake, which is a part of the cutoff of the South Pacific road, the last pile has been driven.

At Winslow, N. M., John Spires, aged 30, killed Lina Perkins, aged 15, and then killed himself. Jealousy was the motive.

In Chicago six labor union men were indicted for conspiracy to split away witnesses to prevent the prosecution of one of their brethren for vandalism.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The reichstag was opened by Count von Buelow as the kaiser's proxy, the emperor being kept away owing to his throat troubles.

The cruiser Flora, costing \$1,250,000, went ashore on the British Columbian coast and may be a total wreck.

A senate canvass shows ratification of the Panama canal treaty to be practically certain. The democrats see no advantage in opposition.

The San Domingo provisional government has made an official request for recognition from the United States.

At Colon United States marines were landed because Colombian troops threatened to massacre Americans unless commanders were released.

Charged with plotting the death of Gen. Huertas, now commanding the isthmian troops, four former Colombian officers have been deported from Panama.

LATER NEWS.

Senate.—The first regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress began at noon, on the 7th, but the senate met half an hour before that hour, in accordance with the adjournment, on the 5th, for the permitting of an orderly adjournment of the called session. The senate held a short executive session, confirming a few unimportant nominations. President Frye presided, at 12 o'clock declared the extra session adjourned without day. He immediately rapped for order, and the chaplain offered prayer. The roll call of the senate then followed for the regular session. The president's message was received and read.

House.—Ceremonies attended the entering in of the regular session of congress, on the 7th, were severely simple in the house. But for the presence of a few beautiful floral offerings and a call of the roll by states, there was nothing in the session to differentiate it from any other. The first business in the house was the swearing in of Representative Pinckney, of Texas. Then came the call of the roll by states. The chair announced the presence of 203 members. Representatives Hepburn, Hemenway and Williams were appointed a committee to join a committee of the senate to call on the president and inform him that congress was ready to receive his message. At 1 p. m. the house recessed till 1:30, when the president's message was transmitted and read.

Representative Prince, of Illinois, a member of the banking and currency committee, introduced a bill in congress, on the 7th, providing that \$100,000,000 of the public moneys now deposited with national bank depositors shall be invested by the secretary of the treasury at the rate of \$5,000,000 a month in state, county and municipal bonds which pay interest at not less than two per cent.

A receiver was appointed, on the 7th, for the Bank of Bavia, L. T. President Neal of the bank was placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement of the bank's funds, but the amount of the alleged embezzlement was not stated, nor was a statement of the bank's condition obtainable.

Harry J. Hoover pleaded guilty in the United States court at Columbus, O., on the 7th, to making false entries and fraudulent issue of a certificate as cashier of the People's national bank, Newark, O. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The fifty-ninth birthday of Queen Alexandra of England was celebrated in London.

American Jews are now forbidden to enter Russia without special permit from the interior minister of that country.

Citizens of Cleveland, O., formally presented a handsome bronze ship's bell to the new cruiser Cleveland at Portsmouth, N. H.

Geronimo, the famous Apache chief, has joined the Dutch Reformed church. Theodore C. Hinckley, of St. Louis, appointed district attorney of Manila, is 23 years of age.

C. W. Cotton, aged 77, is the oldest reporter in the country. He works on a New Albany (Ind.) paper.

A monument is to be erected at Newark, N. J., to the memory of "Thomas Dunn English, author of 'Ben Bolt'."

A construction and equipment budget of the Pennsylvania railroad for 1904 comprehends the expenditure of \$30,000,000.

Jacob Hinds shot and fatally wounded Jerry Arnold at Cadiz Junction, O., because the latter defeated him in a sparring exhibition.

Wilhelm von Polenz, noted German traveler, who wrote a book with the title "America, the Land of the Future," is dead.

Consul General Wormen reports that the University of Munich, which has thrown open its doors to women students, has extended the privilege to Americans.

Joseph Weber and Lew Fields paid \$200 a minute to hear Mme. Patti sing in their Harlem (N. Y.) theater. A total of \$2,000 of the \$3,000 guaranteed to her was paid at the door.

An accident at their wedding, by which blood fell on the bridal cake, resulted in the immediate separation of Patrick O'Malley and Mrs. Mary Gallagher, whom he married in Chicago.

Heads of governments have arranged an international exchange of detectives to guard against anarchy, and police from other nations will come to protect the president of the United States.

After a service of 61 years, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the well-known historian, has resigned as chairman of the committee which inspects the course of instruction in English literature at Harvard university.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

Over 10,000 rabbits were shipped from Columbia to the eastern markets during the recent snow.

The enrollment at the state university this year is nearly 1,700, the largest in the university's history.

There were 749 real estate transfers at Kansas City during November, the total sales aggregating \$1,586,500.

J. Sam Watson, a Callaway county farmer, is knocking on barb wire fences. He says they have "played enough havoc" with horses in Callaway county "to fence every field on every farm in the county with woven wire fence five feet high and cedar posts to match."

Mrs. E. P. Churchill, wife of the manager of the new Lyric theater at St. Joseph, lost \$5,000 worth of diamonds at the Hotel Metropole. After the police detectives had worked on the case all day the sparklers were found in the laundry, where they had been sent with the soiled linen.

Advocates of Joseph W. Folk's candidacy for governor met recently at St. Louis, about 60 of them, and mapped out a campaign. It was decided to name a central committee of two from each congressional district. Congressman Vandiver, of the Fourteenth district, was a leading figure at the meeting.

Kansas City and St. Joseph are to have municipal exhibits at the world's fair. For the former \$25,000 and for the latter \$15,000 has been allotted. Judge Hawthorne was authorized to arrange for the Kansas City exhibit and it is stated that it will probably be a casino, with a relief map of the city in the building.

Ten women of the East Broadway Christian church, of Sedalia, went to the farm of D. J. Williams, three miles east of Sedalia, and gathered 40 bushels of corn without male assistance, which they disposed of at 50 cents a bushel for the benefit of the church.

Mr. Williams gave them the corn and furnished them with dinner.

The Westport Avenue (Kansas City) Christian church, which has been abandoned by its congregation for a more imposing structure, was erected in 1855 and is the oldest Christian church building west of the Mississippi river.

Among its early day pastors was Alexander Campbell, who was one of the leading factors in the organization of the church.

J. M. Ricks, a well-known farmer and stockman two miles northwest of Rich Hill, gave a dance to a few of his young friends. Three uninvited young men from Panama filled up on whisky and tried to force themselves into the house. When Mr. Ricks came to the door one of the men broke a heavy bottle over his forehead, causing ugly wounds.

At Jefferson City an association has been formed to be known as the Jefferson City Sunday league. Its purposes are to preserve the Sabbath as a day of rest, free from all practices that interfere with its sacredness as a day of worship; to cultivate a high moral and patriotic citizenship; to cooperate with the city, county and state officials in the enforcement of law.

John Davis, who died at Trenton a few days ago, aged 87 years, had an unusual career. One of his claims to distinction was that he was a minister in the Christian church continuously for 65 years. He was married to Miss Lucinda Teagarden in Scioto county, O., in 1836, and they lived happily together for 65 years. He moved to Ray county in 1846, and had lived in this state continuously for 57 years. He had nine children, and at the time of his death was the grandfather and great-grandfather of 82 children, and the great-great-grandfather of two.

When Mrs. Charles Layman was tried in circuit court at Maryville the other day for selling liquor contrary to law, her attorney argued that as she had sold liquor only at the request or command of the husband, she was guilty of no crime, because her marriage obligation required her to "obey." Judge Ellison took the point under advisement and finally decided that the defense would be valid only in case the crime had been committed at the husband's command and in his presence. Then he, not his wife, would be the criminal. Mrs. Layman accordingly was fined.

"Every Missourian may well be proud of his state's university," says President Jesse, its head, "for while it does not always defeat all comers on the gridiron it has made for itself a reputation as an educational institution that places it well up among the leaders of the country. The national government has on several occasions selected the university of Missouri in preference to all others in the United States to make tests for the nation's benefit and advancement, foreign nations have sent their favored sons and daughters, too, to Columbia to learn at the nation's expense, so little proof is necessary to indicate that the Missouri university is what is claimed for it."

Water used by the state university at Columbia comes from a well 1,000 feet deep. The water comes within 80 feet of the surface. It has been tested chemically and bacteriologically and it is absolutely pure. It is thought the water comes from the Ozark mountains.

Mrs. George J. Diss, of Maryville, awoke the other night and found to her grief that her one-year-old baby was lying in her arms dead. The little fellow had been sick of measles and his parents had been up with him in the night, but they had not suspected his condition was serious.

Mrs. Lizzie Burns, of Ethel, Macon county, who recently celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday, has been married 71 years and five generations participated in the celebration.

Martin Rice, familiarly called the "Sage of Lone Jack," recently celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday at his Cass county home. Rice is the oldest living pioneer of Cass county.

Congressman D. W. Shackelford has introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the improvement of the Missouri river, not more than \$500,000 to be spent in any one year.

ASSETS EXCEED HIS LIABILITIES

Dowie's Statement of Debts and Resources in Zion City.

A MEETING OF CREDITORS

If Dowie's Statement is Found to Be Correct Creditors Will Seek to Have Bankruptcy Proceedings Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In a statement which places his assets at more than four times as much as his liabilities John Alexander Dowie, at a meeting attended by a majority of his creditors submitted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened in a satisfactory manner.

In Dowie's communication his assets are declared to be \$18,845,210 and his liabilities only \$4,658,349. Of the liabilities, \$452,267 is merchandise indebtedness. Notes bearing five per cent. interest were offered by Dowie in settlement, and he agreed to take up ten percent. of his indebtedness in three months, 25 per cent. in six months, 25 per cent. in nine months and the remaining 40 per cent. in one year.

To Dismiss Bankruptcy Proceedings.—The creditors who were represented at the meeting though the proposal reasonable, and a committee was appointed to seek further details. If this committee finds that Dowie's statement of debts and resources is correct, it is said they will accept his proposal at once, and then seek to have the bankruptcy proceedings dismissed. Dowie's statement of his resources included land, buildings, stock in Zion's lace industry, bills receivable and other items not named.

Of his total indebtedness, that due for bank deposits and shares of stock in the various Zion industries was placed at \$3,193,679, maturing in 1919 and 1923. Bills payable on account of land were placed at \$315,403, due in 1905 and 1908.

The judgment due Samuel Stevenson is \$100,000, for which secured notes have been given. This leaves only \$452,267 due to outside creditors on merchandise accounts. It is to the holders of these outside claims that Dowie made the offer of settlement.

CREDITORS ASK FOR A BOND.

Largest Creditors Demand an Indemnifying Bond by Receivers.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Twenty-five attorneys representing creditors of John Alexander Dowie appeared to argue motions before Judge Kohlsaat Monday morning for various processes to secure their principals in claims against Zion City. The largest creditors, including Samuel Stevenson, Dowie's brother-in-law, who holds claims for \$100,000, demanded an indemnifying bond by the receivers. Judge Kohlsaat informed the attorneys he was in doubt whether his court had the right to issue an order for an indemnifying bond unless Dowie or his attorney appeared in court and demanded it, which they have failed to do. He took the matter under consideration for his own enlightenment. Hearing of the motions was postponed till Wednesday.

WOOD'S NAME SENT TO SENATE

President Nominates Him for Major-General; Also Many Other Officers Nominated.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt Monday sent to the senate the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major-general of the army, and the nominations of 167 other army officers whose promotions depend on that of Gen. Wood. Accompanying these nominations were those of about 25 civilian appointees, including that of Dr. W. H. Cram to be collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and some others whom the president nominated in the last recess.

These appointments are considered by the president and his advisers to be recess appointments. If confirmed, the commissions of these officers will date back to the time of their original appointments last summer.

SYMPATHY PLEASES KAISER.

Chancellor Von Buelow Asserts That Royal Patient's Progress Toward Recovery Is Satisfactory.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Chancellor Von Buelow, in view of the alarming reports abroad concerning Emperor William's health, and in response to a message of sympathy from American friends of the emperor, expresses his sincere thanks for the good wishes of his imperial master.

The chancellor brought the messages to the emperor's knowledge, and says that the emperor expressed his pleasure over these testimonies of sympathy.

Russia's Recognition of Panama.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—United States Ambassador McCormick has been officially notified of Russia's recognition of the republic of Panama. The signing of the decree was one of the first acts of the czar after his return from Skirniawice on Saturday.

Damages for Breach of Promise.

Mattoon, Ill., Dec. 8.—In the circuit court, a jury awarded to Miss Ida Sexton \$5,000 damages against William Dunn, a wealthy young farmer, residing near Assumption, in a breach of promise suit.

Severe Blast at Newark, O.

Newark, O., Dec. 8.—Early Sunday morning fire partially destroyed the Union block in this city, burning out the Powers-Miller Co.'s department store, and entailing a loss estimated at \$123,300.

Found Dead in His Cell.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—George Fouts, 34 years old, awaiting trial on the charge of burglary and larceny, was found dead in his cell in the county jail Sunday night. Delirium tremens caused his death.

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"What was that?"

"There weren't enough people in the audience to create one."—Tit-Bits.

Asked and Answered.

"Why is it?" asked the jolly party, "that you are always borrowing trouble?"

"Because," answered the melancholy individual, "it is the only thing I can borrow without security."—Chicago Daily News.

Bright's Disease Cured.

Whitehall, Ill., Dec. 7.—A case has been recorded in this place recently, which upsets the theory of many physicians that Bright's Disease is incurable. It is the case of Mr. Lon Manley, whom the doctors told that he could never recover. Mr. Manley tells the story of his case and how he was cured in this way:

"I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills after the doctors had given me up. For four or five years I had Kidney, Stomach and Liver Troubles. I was a general wreck and at times I would get down with my back so bad that I could not turn myself in bed for three or four days at a time."